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There is a fortune in it for the man who can invent a new way to pay old political debts.

As an Ohio man does the administration intend to do anything for General Jacob S. Coxey?

Mrs. Julia Dent Grant has written a book, but she says it is not to be published. Thanks, awfully.

Doubtless those Greek irregulars who have been crossing the Turkish frontier will now become regulars.

Are the people of this city of Salt Lake so dull or so truthful that not one of them has seen an airship?

Anti-Pineas papers say that Hazen's sun has set. If this be so, then most likely it is brooding on the face of the waters.

The Dingley bill is not liked in France. And yet it cannot be said that they order these matters better in France.

While the general war upon birds is much to be regretted, yet no one mourns the extermination of the "cuckoo."

It is said that Mr. Terrell's successor at Constantinople will prove a ministering Angel to the Christians in Armenia.

Leading citizens of Chicago want to make that city a modern Athens. On the dead level, the thing is absolutely impossible.

The "peace of Europe" and the maintenance of the integrity of the Turkish empire are indistinguishable terms at present.

Greece and Turkey are getting right down to business. It looks as though the affair would be fast and furious from start to finish.

So blind are the tariff leaders that they not only cannot read the signs of the times, but they would also put a heavy duty on all raised letter books.

The New York Tribune insists that the anti-carbon bill should be killed. And then the fool-killer should be put on the trail of the author of the bill.

Jerry Simpson says he is going to renew his fight on Speaker Reed. There is no objection to this provided the kitescope is all ready and the films are perfect.

The treasury department estimates the population of the country on April 1 at 72,547,000. And no doubt there have been several thousands added since then.

Secretary Long should establish a rule that when our battalions go down they shall go down with their colors flying. There is no reason in the world why they should not.

Secretary Wilson is going to take vigorous measures to stamp out hog cholera. And when he says that it has been done there will be the government stamp to prove it.

A Washington correspondent says that no one understands better than President McKinley the art of counterbalancing in politics. His record on the financial question is proof positive of this fact.

Tom Platt wants Ellis H. Roberts of New York made treasurer of the United States, while Secretary Gage wants Mr. Conrad H. Jordan continued in the position. Platt looks upon him as being nothing but a Conrad the Corsair.

The story comes from Paris that another Italian expedition to Abyssinia has been annihilated. These Italian expeditions to Abyssinia realize Colonel Watterston's graphic description of a march through a slaughter house to an open grave.

A Seattle Post-Intelligencer linotype operator has made a new world's record for eight hours' composition, setting in that time 85,572 ems of solid nonpareil. At the rate of composition paid in this city he would have earned in eight hours \$11.16, which is not a bad day's wage.

"Prosperity, like a street car, will not pick you up and carry you along unless you go out to meet it," says the New York Commercial Advertiser.

Very true, but when you get on the street car you have to have your fare, and the trouble now is that the people haven't got the fare to get aboard the prosperity tram.

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STUDY OF AMERICAN HISTORY.

The Kansas City papers, and no doubt the Kansas City papers, are much stirred up over the discovery of the fact that American history is not taught in the high school of that city. That it will be taught in the high school in the future there is not the slightest doubt.

The study of all history is important but to the American boy or girl, whether pupil in high school or student in university, the study of American history is of more importance than the study of the history of any other nation or of all other nations. For what may be termed the student of history generally this would not be so, but to the American citizen as such it is so.

While the colonization of America by Spain and France and England is but a part of the history of those countries, and not the most important part by any means, yet so far as the relation of this country to them is concerned it is the most important part of their history. Those who would have a clear and comprehensive idea of the development of what are known as the original colonies into political entities must have a thorough knowledge of the early colonization of the country and of the ideas back of those early attempts. And then there must be a due appreciation of the fundamental difference of ideas of government that existed between the French and the English, and how finally the English idea triumphed with the conquest of Canada. It is very doubtful if Spanish political ideas have ever had a considerable influence in that portion of North America which constitutes the United States.

It is an impossibility for any American citizen to have a just or adequate idea of the different theories of government that have existed in this country from the time of the adoption of the articles of confederation until the close of the reconstruction period unless he knows pretty thoroughly the history of the settlement of each of the thirteen colonies. The history of the country from the close of the revolutionary war to the present time is the history of a great nation that has had to meet and solve some of the most intricate and important problems that have ever confronted mankind when associated together for the purpose of government.

Not only the people of this country but the people of every land and clime. The people of this country have undertaken to solve, and have successfully solved, the greatest of all human problems—that of self-government. This does not mean that they have thereby forever freed themselves from social and governmental problems, but it means that they have found the proper means to deal with them.

To the American child the names of Lexington, Bunker Hill, Yorktown, and Annapolis are far more important than those of Thermopylae, Actium, Agincourt, Austerlitz, Sadova and Sedan, while for them there is no comparison between Sherman's march to the sea and the march of the Ten Thousand.

A history is important and should be taught in the schools where possible, but where it is not, it is important that American history be taught before all other.

NOT AT ALL EXERCISED.

The Provo Enquirer says that The Herald and its morning contemporary seem to be exercised over the matter of L. R. Rogers getting \$5,000 last fall and not accounting for it to this paper and its contemporary. Perhaps, it says, it will be in order to ask The Herald and its contemporary a few questions and then to give what it believes to be truthful answers thereto (as though such a thing were possible to our Provo contemporary) and see if there is any cause to worry. The Enquirer then says:

Did the money belong to those papers, either or both of them?

No.

Did it belong to the political friends of those papers, either or both of them?

No.

Did it belong to either political party or either or both of them?

No.

Did it or any part of it get into the pockets of either or both of them?

Think not, hence the kick.

Is Mr. Rogers under any obligation ethically, politically, religiously, morally or financially to account for the expenditure of the money to either or both of them?

No.

If Mr. Rogers has accounted satisfactorily to the persons who furnished the money, is it the business of said papers, either or both of them, to know what that account is?

No.

Had our Provo contemporary submitted those questions to The Herald before it itself answered them, we rather fancy we should have answered them substantially as it has.

Bless its dear soul, The Herald has never been the least bit exercised about the money Mr. Rogers got, or what he did with it, and never will be; but now that the subject is up it is worthy of remark that once before \$5,000 was raised by the Republicans of Utah, and what became of it was a matter of deep concern to a great many Republicans. Perhaps those who received it accounted satisfactorily to those who subscribed it, which suggests the question, Has Mr. Rogers accounted satisfactorily to the persons who furnished this second \$5,000? The Enquirer does not say that he has. Having formulated so many questions concerning this money and answered them to its own (and our) satisfaction, will it kindly answer the question, Has Mr. Rogers accounted satisfactorily to the persons who furnished the money for the disposition of it? The question is asked merely to satisfy an aroused public curiosity.

A Washington correspondent who is usually very well informed says that more than once during the last few weeks has it come to the ears of the president and of the members of his cabinet that some of the prominent gold Democrats feel they have been treated with want of courtesy by the new administration. He says further that considering what took place in the last campaign, the sacrifices which Democrats were forced to make, the ostracism which they invited from their own party, many of the gold Democrats think they should be accorded a little more recognition, especially in the way of retention for a time in office.

The president has found it necessary, says this correspondent, in a number of cases to appoint the successors of Democratic officials who last year sup-

ported the Republican ticket, and every time that is done the silver Democrats in his locality or among his acquaintances stand around the street and grin and jeer and say:

"Glad you had your head taken off. If it hadn't been for such fellows as you we could have had a Democrat in your place instead of a Republican."

Any Democrat who was so misfortunate as to have been taken off by McKinley and his such a bunch of faithless and unprincipled fellows, and who is now disappointed at receiving no official recognition from him, they have but themselves to blame. Then it doesn't look well that they who protested that their action was prompted solely by high regard for principle should now complain because they get no turkey but only buzzard. To the unprejudiced mind it will seem that after all their deep devotion to principle was nothing but a shrewd move, as they thought, to get on the winning side, and then to get preferment. Those who had such motives for their abandonment of their party are receiving exactly the treatment they deserve. They are entitled to neither sympathy nor respect, only to contempt. This they are receiving in abundance.

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MEDALS OF HONOR.

The country is pretty familiar with the cry for a service pension but as yet it is not familiar with the demand for a service medal of honor, though it may soon become so. Thus a retired army sergeant writes to the New York Commercial Advertiser that day after day as he looks through the columns of the daily papers, he sees the names of different individuals receiving from the president or secretary of war medals of honor for some heroic act displayed in some battle during the war of the rebellion.

"But I am of the opinion, and it strikes me with force," says the sergeant, "that the government should give a medal of honor to the greatest and freest nation on God's earth, as it now is, ought to be more liberal in the distribution of tokens of honor to men who left everything dear to them on this earth and took their lives in their fists to save this republic, assailed by her worst enemies. And I am still more of opinion that a body of soldiers holding together and taking or holding an important position against double or treble their number, as was done on many occasions during the rebellion, ought to receive from this government more than a passing word. For illustration, in the first battle of Bull Run, April 21, 1861, when the tide of battle was turned against us by the arrival of Johnston's fresh troops, on the eve of that memorable day, and when the enemy's cavalry were sweeping over our ranks, every straggling or broken-up company or detachment—of which, I am sorry to say there were many—and that same cavalry was spreading havoc and dismay among our ranks, there was one battalion of infantry that could not be broken. At the time the tide turned against us this battalion was the extreme right of the Union line, and near to Johnston's fresh troops as they formed three lines of battle, one in the rear of the other, and in the last of 600 yards. Their first advance line formed almost a right angle with ours. We fired away at them as fast as we could. Their first line broke and ran behind the second, and re-formed there. Some aids or field officers rode up to within about 100 yards of us, I suppose, as our fire was so hot, and they tried to find out whether we were tired or not. At this time except about two feet of the blue, which was all that remained attached to the staff of 'Old Glory' it took some time for Johnston to find out who we were, for as soon as any of his aids came up close to our line we sent them to grass; but at last they discovered who we were, and very soon after they turned a six-pounder field battery on us, and we had to move out of there."

Other incidents in the history of the battalion are related and finally the sergeant winds up with this:

Therefore, I hope that congress or the president will take steps to investigate and make medals of honor for bravery to every officer and enlisted man of that battalion now living. It will be giving just honor to whom honor is due. No doubt the same plea for medals of honor for all the members of other battalions could be made with as much justice as this one. But it is hardly probable that they will be conferred. Those who have won them by some signal act of bravery would object; their wholesale bestowal would make them too cheap.

JAPAN AND HAWAII.

The new secretary of the Japanese legation at Washington, Mr. Matsui, who is now on his way to his post of duty, arrived in Chicago Sunday, where he was interviewed in respect to Japan's intentions towards Hawaii.

"What does Japan want of Hawaii?" said he. "Japan has not the slightest objection to the United States annexing that island if it sees fit to do so, and entertains no covetous feelings regarding the island itself."

That is a plain and straightforward statement, made without hesitation or equivocation, in fact it is so plain and straightforward that the jingoes who have been holding up Japan to execration as a black beast that was ready to pounce down upon the islands, despoiling their republican form of government and convert them to its own unwholesome uses, will surely discover some dark and sinister motive in this statement. One of the chief virtues of jingoism is that it can always find in the doings of any nation dark and sinister motives where none exist.

Mr. Matsui says Japan does not covet the Hawaiian Islands and has not the least objection in the world to their annexation by the United States. It is all very well for him to make such a statement, but against that statement is to be placed the counter-statement of the annexationists of this country who declare loudly and most persistently that Japan has very evil designs upon Hawaii. This statement of Mr. Matsui is unfortunate in another important respect, if it is correct. It withdraws a very strong stimulus from the agitation for annexation. Before any considerable excitement over annexation can be worked up it is necessary to arouse feelings of envy and covetousness, those feelings that so many mistake for patriotism, so that the people of the United States may want the islands more than they want their daily bread. And now the seventy-two million people of this country are told that Japan does not want the islands, and told it by a Japanese gentleman high in authority. It is an insult to their intelligence. The chief reason why people want things in this world is because some one else wants them. If no other nation wants the Hawaiian Islands why should the United States want them? It is not at all probable that congress and the administration will give any heed to the question of the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands the moment it is discovered that no other nation has any intention or desire to annex them. If no one else wants the islands why should this country want them?

An exchange says that it is no wonder a murmur is heard from West Point, when 62 young men will be graduated in June, and there is not a single vacancy in the army to which one of them may be appointed. There are already 11 additional second lieutenants on the army register, who have never been assigned to regiments. They belong to the graduating class of last year. These, with 15 non-commissioned officers, make a total of 88 who must be taken care of. According to the usual rate of mortality, there will be four or five vacancies in the list between now and June, when the future field marshals will be kissing the girls at West Point good-bye, and these will be given to enlisted men who have been advanced in the last eleven months. A European war would be a God-send to these technically correct young military lions.

The young unattached lieutenants may be very much disappointed because there are no vacancies in the army for them to fill, and some people will surely want the number of cadets reduced, yet it is a good thing for the government to keep right on educating young men to be officers. In case of any trouble with any nation it would be a very much easier matter to raise half a million or a million men than it would be to officer them. And soldiers without competent officers to drill and discipline them are very raw material for war. Let West Point go right on turning out educated officers, even if there are no places for them in the army.

"The worse the tariff bill is made the surer there is to be a reaction," says the New York Times. "That is a fact that the Republican leaders have so far ignored. The mere consequence of turning one party out and putting another in is a matter as to which we have, in common with a vast body of sensible people, a very slight interest. But the inevitable disturbance and depression of business from such changes cannot be disregarded. It is the curse of the system that makes legislation a source of profit to private interests."

It seems almost if not quite impossible to make the tariff bill worse than it is. At any rate it is the very worst this country has ever had.

Dr. Hunter's campaign song is: "They Are After Me."

SOME EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Atlanta Journal: "American citizens" who call for a better government in which our government has taken no part cannot expect the United States to come to their rescue when they get into trouble.

San Francisco Chronicle: Besides being the biggest city in the United States, New York is trying to get up an equal reputation as a health resort. As a first step, it has abolished the Rumple-Schwartz and restored the excellent lunch, which is a good thing, as the law sandwich was the direct foe to American longevity.

Kansas City Star: Grover Cleveland was the only president who has ever been known to construct a system of levees that proved serviceable in turning back the tide of office seekers.

St. Louis Republic: The fact that a New York magistrate fines both bicycle messengers and "second-hand" men for riding on crowded streets shows that he appreciates the two extremes of wheeling the perils.

Atchison Globe: "A peculiar feature in the history of the city of Topeka is that the honest glow of manly indignation and shame is missing when a man is accused of taking a bribe. He regards the accusation as calmly as if he had been accused of taking nothing worse than a walk in the park. The reason is that the legislature seems to have given their consciences knock out blows under the heart."

Mail and Express: If the government wants to go into the business of manufacturing armor plate it should build its own armor plate. It is raising those of its citizens. Confiscation as a means of hoarding down prices is neither honest nor dignified.

HUDBRAS' SWORD AND DAGGER

His polished sword into his side
Saw his undimmed heart was dead.
With basket hit that would hold broth.
And serve for light and dinner both.
In it he melted lead for bullets.
To shoot at foes, and sometimes pellets.
To whom he bore so full a grudge
He never gave a quarter to any such.
The trenchant blade, Toledo trusty.
For want of fighting was grown rusty.
And he was loath to let it lie.
Of something to hew and hack.
The peaceful scabbard, where it dwelt.
The favor of its owner he felt.
For of the lower end two handful
It had devoured, it was so full.
And so much more to eat in case.
As if it durst not show its face.
To save the danger had, his page.
That was but little for him to see.
And therefore waited on him so.
It dwelt on knight-errand do.
It was a serviceable old fellow.
Either for fighting or for drugging.
When it was stabbed or bit, or beat.
It would scrape trenches or cut bread.
Toast cheese or bacon, though it were
To have made clear soup, or a stew.
"Would make clear soup, and in the
earth.
Set his head on onions, and so forth;
Where this, and more it did endure;
And he was loath to let it lie.
Have lately done on the same score.
—Dr. Samuel Butler, "Hudibras."

TALES OF THE DAY.

Sheridan's Wig.

Washington Star: Sheridan once had occasion to call at a hairdresser's to order a wig. On being measured, the barber, who was a liberal soul, invited the orator to take some refreshment in an inner room. Here he regaled him with a bottle of port and a glass of brandy. That Sheridan's heart was touched.

"Why they rose from the table and were about separating, the latter, looking the barber full in the face, said: 'On reflection, I don't intend that you shall make a wig.'"

"Automated and with a blank visage, the barber exclaimed: 'Good heavens! I am a wig!'"

"Why, look here," said Sheridan, "you are an honest fellow, and I repeat it, you don't make my wig, for I never intend to pay for it. I'll go to another less worthy son of the craft."

An Unusual Occasion.

Detroit Free Press: "Breaking of riding in those English railroad coaches," said the present wife of a railroad magnate, "it was in one of them that I had the greatest trial of my life. We were in London; mamma was sick, the maid had to be with her and I was left to my own devices. When an American girl and an only daughter, I felt at liberty to do pretty much as I pleased, and one day I decided on a short run into the country."